

A Medicare-Eligible Retiree

If a member or dependent is Medicare-eligible due to age or disability at the time of his or her retirement, Medicare will become the primary payer and PEEHIP the secondary payer effective on the date of the member's retirement. The PEEHIP Hospital Medical Plan will supplement the Medicare coverage.

It is extremely important for the Medicare-eligible member and/or dependent to have Medicare Part A and Part B to assure adequate coverage with PEEHIP. In addition, the member should notify Medicare of his or her retirement date and request Medicare to change their records to reflect that Medicare should be the primary payer and PEEHIP the secondary payer effective on the date of the member's retirement. Most Medicare-eligible retirees and dependents should not enroll in the Medicare Part D program if they are enrolled in the PEEHIP Medicare Plus program.

If the member or dependent is under age 65 and Medicare-eligible due to a disability, the member is eligible for a reduced premium rate for PEEHIP. The PEEHIP office must receive a copy of the member or dependent's Medicare card before the premium rate can be reduced. However, PEEHIP will pay secondary to Medicare once our office becomes aware of your Medicare eligibility regardless of whether our office has received your Medicare card. Medicare-eligible members and dependents should have Medicare Part A **and** Part B to have adequate coverage.